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FOR NAC AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB LOAN FOR COCONUT OIL MILL PROJECT -
WESTERN SAMOA

REF: MANILA 18964

1. THE COCONUT PALM IS PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT
RESOURCE FOR THE WESTERN SAMOAN ECONOMY. AS SUCH,
CONSTRUCTION OF A COCONUT OIL MILL IS ONE OF THE MOST
REASONABLE AND VIABLE WAYS TO: (1) INCREASE WESTERN
SAMOAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS (2) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (3) AND ENCOURAGE SUSTAINED
CONTINUED COCONUT PRODUCTION, AFTER A PERIOD OF FALLING
OUTPUT, BY THE NUMEROUS RURAL VILLAGES WHERE THE BULK OF
THE TREES ARE LOCATED. STRENGTHENING OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
EARNINGS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME AS
FOREIGN REMITTANCES, AN ADDITIONAL MAJOR TRADITIONAL
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE SOURCE, HAVE BEEN FALLING IN RECENT
YEARS. PROJECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE IN THIS AREA INDICATE
AT BEST A STABILIZATION AT THE PRESENT LOWER LEVELS. IN
ADDITION THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA HAS CITED
EMPLOYMENT CREATION AS ONE OF ITS PRIMARY PROBLEMS. WHILE
CONSTRUCTION OF A COCONUT MILL WILL NOT ITSELF BE A
SOLUTION, IT WILL CONTRIBUTE, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY,

TO EASING OF THE PROBLEM.

2. NAC AGENCIES MIGHT ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS PROJECT WILL COMPLEMENT OUR OWN NASCENT EFFORTS AT CONTRIBUTING TOWARD WESTERN SAMOAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. CONSISTENT WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE WE ARE LOOKING TOWARD SUPPORT OF PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION EFFORTS IN THE AREA OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AT A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE LOCAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LINKED TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, SUCH AS THIS COCONUT OIL MILL, CAN ONLY STRENGTHEN OUR OWN BILATERAL EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD.

3. FOR THESE REASONS AS WELL AS THE RATIONALE OUTLINED REFTEL, HPIS EMBASSY URRSS NAC APPROVAL OF THIS LOAN PW ACCORDANCE WITH USADB RECOMMEFDAOFONS. SELDSN

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